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Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation

Autumn 2017 Environmental Learning Programs

Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today.

Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.



Photo by Greg Thompson

Please take note of the location of a program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

Registration

See back page for details on registering online, over the phone or in person at one of Seattle's environmental learning centers.

Autumn 2017 Programs at a Glance

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	AGE	COST
Sept. 23	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Sept. 23	Writing in theWild	Discovery Park	10a.m.-1p.m.	12+	\$5
Sept. 30	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Sept. 30	Sensational Spiders	Camp Long	2-4p.m.	6+	Free
Oct. 14	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Oct. 14	Tot Trek-Fall Frolic	Camp Long	10:30-11:45a.m.	2-3	Free
Oct. 14	Fall Family Forest Adv.	Camp Long	2-4p.m.	4+	Free
Oct. 21	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Oct. 21	Tot Trek - Happy Halloween Walk	Discovery Park	10:30-11:45a.m.	2-3	\$4
Oct. 21	Mushroom Walk	Discovery Park	1-3p.m.	12+	\$5
Oct. 28	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Oct. 28	Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adv.	Discovery Park	2-4p.m.	12+	\$5
Nov. 4	Tot Trek-Trees are Terrific	Camp Long	10:30-11:45a.m.	2-3	Free
Nov. 4	Mushroom Walk	Camp Long	2-4p.m.	12+	Free
Nov. 5	Mushroom Walk	Discovery Park	1-3p.m.	12+	\$5
Nov. 18	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Nov. 18	Give Thanks to Trees	Discovery Park	1-4p.m.	6+	Free
Dec. 2	Hollyday Decorations	Discovery Park	2-4:30p.m.	5+	\$15
Dec. 2	Nightlife at the Beach	Me-Kwa-Mooks	8:30-10:30p.m.	6+	\$10
Dec. 9	Owl Prowl	Discovery Park	4:30-6:30p.m.	8+	\$10
Dec. 16	Winter Wander Along Longfellow Cr.	Camp Long & Longfellow Creek	1:30-3:30p.m.	6+	Free



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One-of-a-Kind Class

Writing in the Wild

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Join writer and Seattle Urban Nature Guide, Tony Robinson, for an autumn writers' workshop. No writing experience necessary, just a chance to do some nature-inspired creative writing. Participants will be able to share their work in a supportive environment – if they wish to do so. Bring a pad and pencil/pen, a sack lunch, and (if you prefer not to sit on the ground/beach) a light-weight camp or beach chair. Meet at the environmental learning center.

#168699 09/23/17 Sat 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Seasonal Favorites



Mushroom Walks

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Have you ever been curious about the mushrooms that literally pop out of the ground in the fall? What do they do, anyway? This program reveals the big news about fungi – without them, there would be no plants. Discover the fascinating tale of fungus; learn about their role as the ultimate recyclers and natural fertilizers.

#168695 10/21/2017 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

#168696 11/05/2017 Sun 1 – 3 p.m.

Camp Long

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

#168679 11/04/2017 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

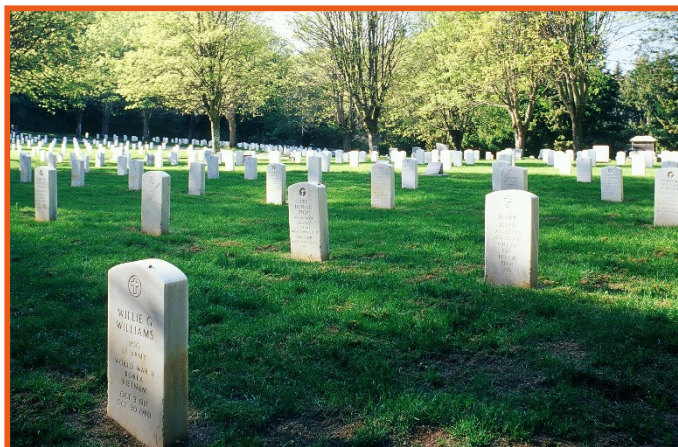
Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adventure

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Experience a guided walking tour of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery in Discovery Park. Hear the history of the cemetery and the stories of those buried there including: two POWs, an unknown soldier, two base commanders and more.

#168691 10/28/2017 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.



Seasonal Favorites cont.



Holly Day Decorations

Discovery Park

Ages: 5 and older **Fees:** \$15 per person

Don't miss this annual event! Spruce up your home for the coming winter the natural way. Create beautiful wreaths, garlands, and sprays using invasive plants that need to be removed from parks like English ivy, Scots broom, cherry laurel, and holly. Be the envy of the neighborhood and a habitat hero at the same time. Basic materials provided. You may want to bring any special ribbon, cones or other personal decorations.

#168694 12/02/2017 Sat 2 – 4:30 p.m.



Nature at Night

Me-Kwa-Mooks Nightlife at the Beach

Me-Kwa-Mooks Beach

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$10 per person

Enjoy a unique Salish Sea adventure. Bring a flashlight and join a Seattle Urban Nature Guide at Me-Kwa Mooks beach for a captivating urban nature outing – tidepool exploration at night. Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, and wear shoes that can get wet and work well on slippery surfaces.

No course code yet. Call to register.

12/02/2017 Sat 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.



Owl Prowl

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Who prowls the park after dark? YOU do... in search of resident and migrant owl species. We'll search meadow and forest to look for owls up close in their habitat. We'll also dissect owl pellets to piece together a food chain puzzle.

#168697 12/09/2017 Sat 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Opportunity

Give Thanks for Habitat

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

The rainiest time of year is the perfect time to restore the forest. Come to Discovery Park and join us in learning about how a forest works and what you can do to help restore forests in Seattle. Then make a difference by planting some native plants! Tools and instruction are provided. You bring enthusiasm and a desire to make a positive difference in your community.

#168693 11/18/2017 Sat 1 – 4 p.m.



Tot Treks & Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult who is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends. Please register only the child for this hike and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult



Fall Forest Frolic

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Join us for a colorful celebration of fall in the forest.

#168677 10/14/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Happy Halloween Hike

Discovery Park

Fee: \$4 per child



Adults – grow outside with your children! Hike the park with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide and search for some of the animals associated with Halloween. Be sure to wear your favorite animal costume to this hike!

#168700 10/21/2017 Sat 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Trees are Terrific

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Romp in the forest learning who lives in trees and uses them for everything.



#168680 11/04/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Nature Walks

Fall Family Forest Adventure

Camp Long

Ages: 4 and older **Free**

Explore the forests of Camp Long. Find out about fantastic native plants and enjoy the autumn colors.

#170398 10/14/2017 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

A Winter Wander Along Longfellow Creek

Camp Long and Longfellow Creek

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Longfellow Creek is a major waterway in West Seattle. It is also a little piece of the wild in the middle of the city. Coho salmon migrate up this waterway; beavers build dams and lodges on this creek; owls hunt for food along this artery. Explore a portion of this urban wilderness with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide. Look for seasonal changes and get to know some of your wild neighbors. **Meet at the Camp Long lodge.**



Photo by Gregg Thompson

Wildlife Walks

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$5 per person **Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

Discover the joy of birding. Join experienced leaders as we search for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

#168684	09/13/2017	Sat
#168685	09/30/2017	Sat
#168686	10/14/2017	Sat
#168687	10/21/2017	Sat
#168688	10/28/2017	Sat
#168689	11/18/2017	Sat



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Wildlife Walks cont.

Sensational Spiders

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Is the spider your friend or foe? When someone mentions spider, many times people cringe. Explore the myths surrounding spiders and discover the facts about the important role spiders play in our community.

#168678 09/30/2017 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.



Space is limited. Register for programs today!

REGISTRATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.
- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)

Seattle, WA. 98199

Phone: 206-386-4237

Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW

Seattle, WA. 98126

Phone: 206-684-7434

Email: camplong@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road

Seattle, WA. 98177

Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.

There are, however, programs still offered at the park.

Contact Discovery Park ELC.



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